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REF: A. STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 600, PARA 131(B) (2)

B. JOINT TRAVEL REGULATION (MILITARY) CHARGE 273, NOVEMBER 1,1975

APPENDIX A, PAGE 23.

C. STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 925, PAGE 3

1. PURSUANT TO REF A ABOVE, SCOLA PAYMENTS TO BEIRUT EVACUEES
IN ATHENS (AND ELSEWHERE) WERE REDUCED AFTER 30 DAYS TO 60 PER CENT
OF THE ATHENS (WINTER) PER DIEM RATE.

2. SINCE THE REDUCTION, MANY OF THE EVACUEES, AND THEIR
PRINCIPALS HERE, HAVE REPORTED THAT THEIR MINIMUM EXPENSES
ARE NOT COVERED BY THE REDUCED RATE.

3. SCOLA IS REDUCED AFTER ONE MONTH ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
ON OR BEFORE THAT TIME, EVACUEES WILL HAVE LOCATED THEMSELVES
IN APARTMENTS, OR QUARTERS LESS TEMPORARY IN NATURE--AND
LESS EXPENSE--THAN A HOTEL OR GOVERNMENT BILLET.

4. IN FACT, MOST EVACUEES HAVE MOVED, BUT SINCE MOST OF THEM
HAVE 1-5 CHILDREN, THEY WERE MOTIVATED TO MOVE
PRIMARILY TO GAIN A BIT OF SPACE TO BREATHE, OPEN THEIR
SUITCASES, HANG UP THEIR CLOTHES, AND GET THEIR CHILDREN
OUT OF A HOTEL ROOM.

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5. THE REDUCTION IN THE PERDIEMRATE IN ATHENS IN WINTER MONTHS IS BASED ON A REDUCTION IN HOTEL RATES DURING THOSE SAME MONTHS. UNLIKE HOTEL RATES, HOWEVER, RENTAL RATES ARE NOT REDUCED IN WINTER AND, AS A MATTER OF FACT BECAUSE THE TENANT PAYS FOR HIS OWN GAS OR ELECTRIC HEAT, AND OTHER UTILITIES ALL VERY ESSENTIAL, AND VERY EXPENSIVE--IN ATHENS, AND MUCH MORE NECESSARY IN WINTER THAN SUMMER--THE TOTAL COST OF APARTMENT LIVING IN WINTER EXCEEDS BY A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT THE SUMMER COST.

6. OTHER UNUSUAL COSTS CONNECTED WITH APARTMENT LIVING INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF POTS, PANS, AND OTHER ESSENTIALS FOR COOKING AND EATING, TAXI FARES DAILY, BECAUSE MANY EVACUEES DO NOT HAVE THEIR CARS THERE, AND HIGHER THAN NORMAL RENTAL RATES WHICH ARE CHARGED TENANTS ON A WEEK-TO WEEK OR MONTH TO MONTH BASIS. (LONGER LEASES AT MORE FAVORABLE RATES MAY NOT BE TAKEN BY EVACUEES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG THEY WILL STAY IN ATHENS AND SINCE THEIR PRINCIPALS CLAUSE, TERMINATION ON 30 DAY NOTICE, MAY NOT BE USED.)

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST THAT RESUMPTION OF MAXIMUM SCOLA PAYMENTS TO BEIRUT EVACUEES BE AUTHORIZED, RETROACTIVE TO THE DATE THE 40 PER CEM REDUCTION WAS EFFECTIVE.

8. ALTERNATIVELY, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD IMPOSE A CONSIDERABLE BURDEN ON EVACUEES AND B&F PERSONNEL, REIMBURSEMENT ON AN ACTUAL EXPENSE BASIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.
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